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April 10, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Commission's Media Ownership Review
Media Bureau Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

Recently you have been barraged with missives from Congress insisting alternately that you expedite or delay consideration of the various media ownership proceedings currently pending before the Commission. It seems there is no shortage of members anxious to tell you how best to perform the job of setting the procedural agenda of the Federal Communications Commission.

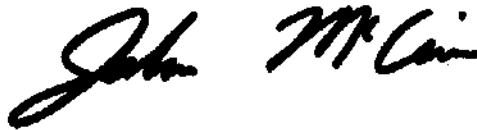
I need not tell you of the importance of this proceeding, given the tremendous impact the media can have in the everyday lives and thinking of Americans. I also recognize that Congress created the need for this proceeding by giving you the responsibility to review these rules every two years.

I do not write to attempt to influence the outcome of either the procedural or substantive decisions before you. I only urge you to fulfill the statutory mandate imposed on the Commission in a manner that is thoughtful, consistent with all applicable laws bearing in mind the exigencies placed upon you by the courts, and mindful of the best interest of the American public.

I wish to note that I do not send this letter to support any party to this matter, nor to support or oppose any potential course of action to be taken by the Commission. Please treat this letter in conformance with all applicable procedural rules and ethical guidelines.

Chairman Powell
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John McCain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "John" is written in a more compact, rounded script, while "McCain" is written with more distinct, elongated letters.

John McCain
Chairman

JM/wb